



TOWN OF HANOVER

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5 (The Zoning Act), that the Planning Board of the Town of Hanover will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** The Planning Board will participate in this meeting at Hanover Town Hall and also via Zoom video call in accordance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order suspending provisions of Open Meeting Law and to promote public health and social distancing as most recently amended on February 18, 2022 (Ch. 22 of Acts of 2022). For Zoom access details, please see the meeting agenda posted at hanover-ma.gov or contact irene.coleman@hanover-ma.gov.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear testimony and comment from interested persons relative to proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Hanover, said amendments having been submitted to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion as Articles on the Warrant for consideration and action at the Annual Town Meeting to be convened at the Hanover High School on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. After the Public Hearing the Board will, as required by law, vote its recommendations on the proposed articles and report them to the Town Meeting.

There are 2 (two) Articles proposing amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the Town which pertain to zoning and planning. A summary of the proposed Articles is provided below. Copies of the text of such Articles are available for review by interested parties in the Offices of the Town Clerk and of the Planning Board (550 Hanover Street, Hanover, MA 02339) during regular business hours. The Article items appearing below may not be the same as those on the final Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and are inserted herein for convenience and discussion purposes only.

Summary of Proposed Zoning Articles:

Proposed Article : Deletion of Zoning Bylaw Section 6.11.0 - Village Planned Unit Development, in its entirety through Section 6.11.60, and further amend within the Zoning Bylaws under the Table of Contents – Section 6 reference of Village Planned Unit Development and under Section 8.260 (A) delete a portion of the second paragraph that reads as follows: *“Further, in non-residential districts and non-residential portions of VPUD districts, the Site Plan Reviewing Board may reduce the number, size and extent of Upper Story Plantings, or waive the requirement for Upper Story Plantings in their entirety to the extent such Plantings are found to be detrimental to sight lines for traffic and/or pedestrian safety, or to hinder and/or impede the ability of the businesses on the site to be reasonably seen, and identified, or be visible from the way”.*

Proposed Article: AMEND ZONING BYLAWS - NAME CHANGE FROM BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SELECT BOARD To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws to by replacing, in each instance in which they appear: (1) the words “Board of Selectmen”, “Board of Selectman”, “Board”, or “Selectmen”, when such terms reference the entire Board, with the term “Select Board”; the term “Selectman” with “Select Board member” (3) the term “Chairman” with the term “Chair and (4) make any other grammatical changes required for these proposed changes; provided, however, that this bylaw amendment shall take effect only after all the provisions of G.L. c.40, s.32 have been met and the special act approved under Article 12 takes effect. Board of Selectmen Executive Summary: This article will change within the Town's Zoning Bylaws, the term Board of Selectmen to Select Board, change any reference of Board of Selectmen to Board and Chairman to Chair, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hanover Planning Board
MaryAnn Brugnoli, Chairwoman